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STATEMENT BY FUH-WEI TANG

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I declare as follows:

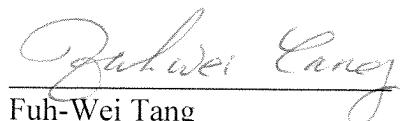
(1) I am an inventor, along with Syed F. A. Hossainy, Orlando Padilla and Daryush Mirzaee, of the above-identified patent (U.S. Patent No. 7,169,173, Application Serial No. 10/668,781, filed on September 22, 2003, and claiming priority to Application Serial No. 09/895,753, filed on June 29, 2001, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,656,216).

(2) The inventorship error of failing to include me as an inventor of the above-identified patent occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

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Respectfully submitted,


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